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Dear Dr. Lincoln,

Thank you for your interest in the follow-up of the Pu-injected people. Your help will be both welcome and valuable. Here are all the particulars I have on the case injected at Oak Ridge Hospital.

The man's name is \_\_\_\_\_ pelling not certain, the last name could also be Gabe. Neither Dr. Howland nor Dr. Langham was absolutely certain, but \_\_\_\_\_ seemed right. He was found on the project grounds after a serious vehicle accident, no-one can recall whether it was an auto or a truck. He suffered multiple fractures, and had lost much blood. He was taken to Oak Ridge Hospital on March 25, 1945. He was 53 years old, a Negro male already suffering from one cataract and arthritis. Blood counts were taken on April 4, 1945 and July 3, 1945. He was injected with Pu citrate on April 10, 1945. On April 15, 1945, 5 days after the injection he was taken to surgery to repair his comminuted fractures. Excretion samples were obtained for 58 days -- taking us to early June 1945.

Neither Dr. Howland who was working as a physician at Oak Ridge Hospital (U.S. Army Medical Corps) nor Dr. Langham recall whether \_\_\_\_\_ was a laboratory employee or a local resident who was working for one of the construction contractors. The fact that he was cared for at Oak Ridge Hospital -- constructed for Lab employees and their families seems significant to me. If he were a Lab employee, he did not return to work for very long-- perhaps it was a temporary job -- because he left the area not long after he was released from the hospital and was last heard from 1 to 2 years later in Atlanta. By that time he had developed a cataract on the other eye and suffered recurrent symptoms of venereal disease (no-one remembers specifics).

the sole source of published information about this man indicates that 7 teeth were obtained "at a later date". Did Oak Ridge Hospital also have a dental clinic? Can we follow-up on this too. I will ask Dr. Langham for additional information, if he can recall it or find it.

I certainly hope your searching will be successful.

Sincerely,

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